

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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EX (2)

In re application of:

Joseph R. Byrum *et al.*

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For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with Plants

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Einsmann

Atty. Docket: 16517.132



Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated September 18, 2001, be extended two (2) months from December 19, 2001, to February 19, 2002, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$400 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in accompanying Check No. 151657. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1824, referencing docket number 16517.132. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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